D

ANOTHER HOLOCAUST

A Hotel Filled with Guests Burned Down.

SIX STORIES AND NO FIRE ESCAPE.

A Dazed and Inefficient Fire Department.

ELEVEN KNOWN TO HAVE PERISHED

Frantic Men and Women Leaping from Dizzy Heights.

CARRIED CFF WITH THEIR FACES COVERED.

A Bride's Horrible Beath and Snieide of the Bridegroom.

LISTS OF THE KILLED AND THE SAVED

Thrilling Descriptions of Dangers Escaped.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.] Sr. Louis, April 11, 1877.

About half-past one o'clock this morning people in the neighborhood of the Southern Hotel were startled by a cry of "Fire!" and almost immediately thereafter oke was seen issuing from the lower windows of that building. The alarm rapidly spread, and three are companies and two hook and ladder companies with the salvage corps were quickly on the ground, by which time a second alarm from the fire boxes had been sounded, as it was apparent that the fiames were spreading over the entire extent of the vast building. RAPID PROGRESS OF THE PLAMES,

Within ten minutes of the first arrival of the Fire Department red flames began to shoot through the windows of the first and second stories and im mense volumes of smoke crept from every oor and outlet. The hotel was six stories high and almost a block in dimensions, bounded by Fourth, Fifth, Walnut and Elm streets. At two A. M. the scene as viewed by your correspondent was of the most thrilling character. At that time it seemed as if the immense structure had been set on fire in several places. The confined element was roaring and crackling inside, black smoke was rolling from the main and ladies' entrances, and away up upon the flat root the glare of a general conflagration was relieved only by the lightning streaks of flame bursting through here and there from the rooms below.

THE STARTLED INMATES.

Now and then a frantic guest en déskabillé, with slothes and valled in hand, rushed out into the streets; but it at once became apparent that the great bulk of the inmates were still inside. First one window and then another in rapid auccession was violently raised, heads of men, women and children were seen sverywhere, and a wild cry for help filled the air. COMING TO THE RESCUE.

time alarm after alarm had been sounded and the entire Fire Department was waceling into line. Almost the entire police force had been sum noned from their beats and were arriving, and the streets were filling with terrified citizens. Many peosle were evidently preparing to jump from the win sows, and those in the streets below continually called out, "Don't jump; the ladders will soon be

THE LADDERS TOO SHORT.

The book and ladder companies were splicing their ladders as rapidly as possible; but the work seemed to be slow and the sixth story was red with flame before they began to elevate them. A shout of triumph went up from the crowd below and a faint echo came from those above; but when the ladders were tried it was found that they would scarcely reach to the fourth floor, and this discovery was met with most agonizing cries of "Help, help!" The heartrending shricks which fell upon the cars of the firemen seemed to almost paralyze them, and the usual efficiency which has always characterized the St. Louis Fire Department was evidently lost for the time being.

INSIDE THE BUILDING.

The tremendous draught caused by the smoke and hot gir had extinguished all the gaslights, and the only illumination was that which came from harid flames that licked the walls on all sides. On the Walnu street side there was a verandah even with the first loor, and, in obedience to the suggestion of a coolheaded spectator, one of the ladders was raised to that elevation and the sixth story reached in this way, and down this at least forty people descended, thus

Meantime sheets and blankets began to float from stadows on the various sides of the building, many of them tied together, but none of them making a rope of sufficient length to reach a safe landing, though two men and one woman in the sixth story descended these perilous strands and succeeded in swinging thomselves into fifth story windows, thus increasing their chances of rescue.

One of the first men to reach the ladder on the Walnut street side was George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary of the Masonic Fraternity in Misnouri. He had to descend a knotted rope of blankets from the sixth to the fith story. He had not passed more than a hall dozen rounds when he rected and fell, his skuil being crushed by striking a cornice, and both legs being broken, producing instant death. AN INSANE EFFORT.

One man, whose name is unknown, appeared at a window. Throwing the end of a sheet on the outside he began to make preparations to descend, and though the crowd called out to him to remain still be persisted in swinging loose. Sliding down to the end of the sheet he found himself just above the fifth story and nothing but the stone pavement 120 feet below him. Realizing his terrible position he endeavored to climb back, but the effort to raise himself was vain, and after a desperate struggle of three minutes he shricked "Let go!" and fell, with every bone crushed,

Another man appeared at an adjoining window in his night attire and frantically called out, "What shall I do ?"

The flames were leaping all about him and seemed

ready to envelope and consume him. g "Jump!" "Jump!" answered back a dozen shroate.

what to do, but the scorching flames were closing in on him fest, and he bounded from the window, turning over twice and whirling to the stones below, striking opon his shoulders and head. He was immediately picked up and carried into an adjoining saloon, and lived long enough to say that his name was J. E.

Two other faces soon appeared at the window from which he had jumped, but the flame and smoke closed them from view almost instant the awful fale that befell them. most instantly and left no doubt o

ON POURTH STREET On the Fourth streer side the danger did not at firs appear so imminent. There was a lurid halo above the cornice work, but the whole attention of the Fire Deed at first to be directed to the Walnut street side of the building. On the portico, for five or ten minutes before the hook and ladder company lent any aid to them, were a crowd of at least seventy-five en and women. The men were shricking constantly for help, and the women kept crying out constantly, adding considerably to the terror of the others. Ladders were asked for, but for several minutes no ladders were in sight. At length one ladder was brought on and placed us against the portico, and there was a general rush for it. The ladies in their dishabille men, having He themselves of their values and other superfluities. The ladies were then taken to the saloons opposite and provided for as they best could be

citizens appeared to consider themselves so many fire wardens for the time being, and everybody was direct ing everybody else as to the best mode of rescuing the persons who appeared at the upper windows. A number of ladders were brought and placed against the lowe portico. The shricks in the upper windows still continued, and sheets were fluttered about from two o the windows on the very top floor, and one from the hall window on the fifth floor. A long ladder was taken up to the portico and several efforts were made to raise it assinst the side of the building, and bad i been raised it would not have been of the least avail, as it was ten or fifteen seet short. The men on the portico could not get che ladder above them were all useless. The police and firemen on the street called to the citizens to go aloft, and a number west up into the portico and a few more fattle efforts were made to raise the ladder.

WILD APPRAIS FOR HELP.

antime the people in danger above kep calling wildly for help. They asked "for God's sake" that something be done for them, and the people below come in time. Some of those who had made their escape stood upon the street and cried out that some thing be done for their friends, whom they supposed to be still within the building. One man went up and down in front of the building, crying, "O my God O Jerry!" and upon being questioned as to whether there were any of his friends still in the burning build ing he pointed up to the fifth story window, at which two or three for a wore discernible through the smoke and miss, and said

THE OCCUPANTS OF THE TOP STORY. the greatest sympathy, and the apparent, though probably not culpable, dilatoriness of the Fire Department was loudly and generally deprecated. The men and women above seeing that the efforts made for their rescue were being made in vain determined to do as much as possible toward securing their lives, and there was accordingly a general precipitation of bedding from the windows, as if the poor creatures desired to make as soft a bed as possible for themselves in the face of again wholly enveloped in clouds of smoke issuing from the various windows. The men and women who had been taken from the portico by this time gathered sufficient strength of mind to go out, and pointed out frantically those whom they suspected were still entrapped above and waiting for assistance.

All pleaded earnestly, and citizens and firemen alike hurried backward and forward to procure ladders or ropes to stretch out to the helploss. The extension adder was at length brought in. It was whoeled and fro; guy ropes were stretched out and taken hold of; it was placed up against the portico, was spread innumerable wheelings about in endeavoring to adjust it imprecatious were heard from the people in on the portico who had done their utmost to success those above. When the ladder was at length placed m position and found too short to be of any avail there was a general outery for a rope. Those in the street kept shouting out to those above, "Haven't you got a rope?" and those above as well kep crying out for a rope. When the ladder was placed in anderstood, a couple of firemen rushed up to the top rounds and threw a coll of rope to the people in the fifth story windows. The rope was caught and was fastened to the iron pillar running down, the centre of the window. The smoke cleared away for a moment was intent upon what would occur next. Would the be able to reach the ladder? was the general question,

form was seen fitting down the side of the house. moment in a cornice work and again upon the window sill. The form was evidently feminine, but the grasp glance of the white ngure gli ling down the side of the shout. The name of the young lady who made the first descent was a Miss Clara Hardy. After Miss Hardy descents were made on the rope by one gentle-

As soon as all on the fifth story had been rescued by means of the rope the ladder was run up to the upper rescue and offered to relieve him of his charge she ab-

Others were rescued from the upper story, and all were taken to the saloons across the street and there

A most pathetic scene was witnessed by many of the spectators on the Fourth street side just as the danger

profiles of a man and woman shaking hands and taking a last farewell of each other. They had stood at the window and appealed for aid until hope gave out, and just when they felt the volumes of smoke overcoming them and saw the flames apparently stretching toward them with rapid strides they fell into each other's

THE HOOK AND LADDER COMPANIES. Though every engine was on the ground and more than twenty streams of water were poured into every accessible part of the building the Hook and Ladder Department were inexplicibly tardy. Two truck wag-ons were allowed to stand a half block away, the lad-ders not being even displaced. Great reliance was placed on the Skinner fire escape ladder, and the firemen and all their efforts were directed toward getting that clumsy contrivance in position. It is a melan-choly fact that the fire had been in progress nearly one hour before a ladder was placed so that it could be the apparently desperate nature of the surroundings precipitated themselves to the pavement below.

At three o'clock the scene was borrible and thrilling in the extreme. The hotel was wrapped in flames and, though most of those who had made themselves visible had been saved by means of ropes and ladders, ht window to give a last appeal for help. Men and women rushed about wild with excitement, calling frantically for missing friends and kinsmen, and the firemen stood appalled and unnerved before the terrific holocaust in progress. The heavens were aglow with rolling waves of fire, darkened here there with black columns of smoke. Myriad sparks rose up into a glittering canopy, of burning débris by the hot air upon adjacent buildings and was going on. Escape by means of doorways was no longer possible, the upper floors being in absolute n of the flames and the lower halls and stairways being enveloped in a black smoke that would spectators dared go into that seething mass of smoke and gas.

ESCAPED OR PERISHED. every floor had given away, and the south and cast walls had fallen, demolishing the small adjacent buildings and burying everything animate and inanimate in their rains. The firemen continued their work until six o'clock, the flames burning flercely at that hour, but shortly atterward they began to subside, and by

0

d

R

H

H

0

K

4

H

H

A. Main Hall.

CC. Elevators.

F. Office.

8. Main Entrance.

D Ladies' Entrance.

timbers and steaming mortar and brick.

Vonr correspondent during the day met R. F. Well-

brec, of Colorado, who occupied a room on the fourth

floor, and he gave an interesting account of the scene

inside of the burning edifice. He is naturally a very

sound sleeper and had been in bed about an bour

when unusual noises awakened him. He jumped out

of had into his clothes and rushed into the entry

which he found full of smoke. The excitement and

confusion were indescribable. In company with one

or two other gentlemen he proceeded to endeavor to

awaken the occupants of the rooms on th

fourth and fifth floors. In half a dozen in-

stances the doors were broken down before

vicinity succeeded in getting out in safety, as far as could be judged. When Mr. Weitbree descended from

ity of the elevator, and at that time, although no fire

was visible, the smoke was thick and oppressive. Men

and women were then crowding down stairs, guiding

themselves by the banister, and shricking. A few

deuse mass of flame shot up through the elevator and

broke out in the upper stories, thus indicating beyond

a doubt that the fire started on the lower floor. Mr.

On that floor policemen and guests were busily en-

gaged kicking in doors and routing out everybody that

could be found. As the flames drove these heroic men

out of the top floors they descended, doing what they

could to save life until they were finally driven from

Mr. Westbree is pretty well satisfied that all the

people in the west end of the building on the third and

tourth floors, and most on the fifth floor, got out in safety. Becoming satisfied that nothing more could

be done in that part of the building Mr. Weitbred

stepped out on the roof of a building on the south side

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER.

There some men were putting up a ladder endeavor

ing to reach the fifth story windows, where there were

an elderly and young lady, mother and daugnter. The

The woman then tied two blankets together and

fastened one end to something in the room. The lad-der reached only to the fourth story; but by means of

the blanket the young woman reached the ladder, not,

lowever, until she had almost failen, having slipped

her hold. She got down in safety and her mother en-

deavored to follow. She clambered down almost to

the end of the blanker, but evidently lost control of

below. A couple of men carried her off. She had apparently been killed instantly.

Mr. Weitbree next noticed a dead man lying on the

roof bare to the waist, his shirt having been pulled

At the time these accidents occurred the flames had

not reached the south end of the extension which

The firemen were endeavoring to keep that portion

over his face to hide the distorted features.

herself, let go, struck the ladder and fell to the root

of the west end of the hotel.

"Save my daughter!"

Weitbree again ascended to the fifth floor,

seconds afterward the light began to shine through the

evator doors, and in about five minutes thereafter a

GENERAL PLAN OF THE BURNED BUILDING.

ELM STREET.

B

WALNUT STREET.

F. Barroom

HH. Stores.

G. Restaurant.

J. Smoking Room.

K. Reading Room.

aller rope to them. The man then slipped down to While the firemen were getting their ladders ready for the work of rescue the affrighted girls ladder was erected, and it reached to the fifth story. They succeeded to fastening a smaller ladder, wit nooks on the end, to the window sill, and having attached a guide rope the women climbed down one by one, the last one in a cloud of suffocating black smoke, which was just beginning to pour from the window which she had left. These girls were carried to car-These girls were carried to carriages in waiting and driven off.

By the time this had happened the dividing walls between the building proper and the extension, and some of the inside walls were crumbling away under be extreme heat.

Kate Claxton, who made such a memorable escape from the Brooklyn holocaust, was among the rescued was awakened from a sound sleep by a loud cry of "Fire!" from the hall. Jumping out of bed she groped to the door, and opened it to find that the place was dense with smoke and that immediate action was neces mry. Slipping into the scantlest of garments she of escaping by that route, and, finding that it was decidedly stim, she concluded that her only hope of and hurrying past her door, and she determined on the instant to cast her lot with them. There was n light, and what was done had to be done in the darkness. Entering the hall, she hurried in the direction of the stairway, and before proceeding was materially assisted by a gentleman seized hold of ber arm and her along with a proper appreciation of the need of and rolled for some distance after getting to the bottom, but, not being badly hurt, was able to pick lost every article of clothing she had in the hotel save what she had ou.

Mrs. Oscar F. Lowe, who was among the number, says she was reading in her room on the second floo at the time of the niarm. She supposed the noise was occasioned by some tipsy person, but on going out into the hall perceived the smoke and went into her room again and told her husband the house was ou fre. In the meantime the halls and corridors became

H

H

0

H

H

H

H

LL. News and Telegraph desks

N. Ladies' Entrance.

O. Side Porch.

P. Billiard Room.

out and stood up with the foot resting on the balcony and the top reaching to the window of his room. He got out on to the ladder, but ladder slipped and he was precipitated head first on to the ground. His head was split open and death was

The ruins to-day present a very sad spectacle, there eing nothing but a smoking mass of debris where the

Great excitement has prevailed among all classes of itizens during the day, and multitudes have constantly thronged around the scene of the fire. It will e perhaps two days before the ruins will cool sufficiently for the work of searching for bodies. ACTS OF HEROISM.

Among the many acts of heroism at the great fre one was more noticeable than that of Chifford W. Saunders, a reporter of the Globe Democrat, who, at great peril, ascended a ladder to the fith story and threw a rope to those in the window above, thus enabling them to descend to the ladder and escape. In this way Saunders was the means of saving the lives of seven or eight servant girls, who otherwise would have perished, as the wall fell in almost immediately

THE EILLED. Dr. Auler, the Coroner, gives the following list of the

killed as reported to him and he thinks it comprises all now known to be dead :-Rev. A. R. Adams, of Stock Cross, Berkshire, Eng-

George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary Masonic Fra-

ternity of this State.

Kate Reilly, Kate Doolan and Mary Moran, servants. Henry Hargen, of the Auditor's department, Missouri Pacific Railroad. He was formerly from Newcastle,

Pa., whither his remains will be sent. Mrs. Stewart, of the firm of Derby & Day, of this

of this city.

Charles G. Teenan

William Felix Munster, an ex-member of the British House of Commons, who committed suicide on account of the supposed death of his wife, who was saved. SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Mrs. Frankle McClellin, the actress. Philip Oswold, a boarder of the notel, was brought ont alive, but entirely bereft of reason.

Dr. Gerlach, German Consul, jumped from a window

P. S. Snackleford, of New York, has both legs broken, and some few others of the saved are more of

There were but about eighty female servants in the ported, and only one of them is known to be missing. Those most tamiliar with the circumstances of the fire and best acquainted with the number of guests and employes in the house believe that few, if any, bodies will be found.

Dr Auler intends to make a very searching inquiry into the cause of the fire and all the facts connected with it, but will not begin investigations for a day of

Among those known to have been saved are:-

H. Kretz, Texas. Miss A. McCoy, Altoona, Pa. Mrs. Gott, Syracuse, N. Y. W. B. Coggswell and family, and J. Kimball, of Mine

Lamotte, Mo. The following guests at the hotel from abroad are

ale, and are now stopping at the Lindell Hotel:-W. P. Clogn, St. Paul.

C. O. Godfrey, Hannibal

E. S. Mansfleid, New York. S. B. Coulson, Yankton.

S. H. Krieger, Philadelphia S. Schoyer and son, Pittsburg.

A. J. Webster, New York George Straut, Chicago.

W. H. Fletcher, New York J. V. H. Lott Lansing

Charles Rolker, New York. I. S. Shackeltord, New York.

H. I. Morrill, Cairo.

Mrs. Love and Mrs. Porter, Indianapolis

T. T. Lyon, Mobile. h. T. White, Syracuse.

C. H. Kennedy, New York. A. Pope Joy, Chicago,

Mr. Birdseye, Nevada, Mo. R. F. Withbree, Colorado Springs. J. R. Parsons, New York.

T. Tierpan, Pittsburg. Frank E. Karelsen, New York.

AT THE PLANTERS'. The following are at the Planters' House: Mr. and Mrs. Berrian, a bridal couple. William P. Watson, Chicago.

Frederick Cook, New Orleans. George S. Morise, New York.

J. G. Naddy. L W. Benham, New York.

J. M. Davidson, New York.

H. A. Wilson, St. Paul. Geooge Peterbaugh, Peoria.

H. S. Belden, Chicago.

J. W. Bigelow and G. H. Caldwell, Parkersburg. Charles Musser, New York.

AT THE LACLEDE The following went to the Laclede Hotel and are now

stopping there :-G. W. Mahoney, Belleville.

G. A. Kalen, Belleville,

A. I. Brockway, New York W. J. Miller, New York.

J. H. Morrow, New York. R. H. Avery, New York.

M. J. Shoecraft, New York. D. Loonbarger, New York.

S. H. Core, New York D. M. Dickerson and wife, New York.

Caleb Cawkins, New York.

L. F. Fallon, New York C. A. Artell, Boston.

A. C. Tischner and wife. F. O. Sullivan, Pine Bluff. J. L. Perry, Saratoga Springs.

Miss E. M. Darling, Indianapolis, William Christman, Independence

C. L. Applegate, Louisville.

James J. Davis, Augusta, Ga. E. Pannock.

The Southern Hotel was built about tweive years ago and cost about \$600,000. Something less than a year ago it was leased from Robert Campbell by Messrs Brestin, Darling & Co., Mr. Brestin being a well known Saratoga and New York hotel owner, and Mr. Darling the equally well known agent of the White Line Trans portation Company. The firm expended a large amount of money during the last summer entirely refitting the interior of the build ing, putting down new carpets and replacing old turniture with new. As it stood yesterday the Southern was one of the handsomest hotels, in the hotel fronted to the north on Walnut street, occupying the entire block on that street, with a front of 225 feet It was bounded on the east by Fourth and on the west by Fifth street, occupying seventy-five feet on both those streets. In the rear or south was Elm street and from the main building to Elm was a wing 60 feet wide and 100 feet in length. In this wing was the billiard room, on the first floor, the dining room on the second, the kitchen and storerooms in the basements guests' rooms and the help apartments on the lourth hotel was much like that of the Fifth Avenue in New York. INSURANCE ON BOTHL AND PURNITURE.

The following is the insurance on the hotel building

ooper, Davion, Ohio,
yeoming, Pa,
itizens', Newark,
terchanis', St. Joseph
erman, Rochester
oger Williams, Providence, R. I Of the above insurance \$290,000 is on the building

and \$142,000 on the farniture. The building was owned by Robert Campbell. It originally cost about \$1,250,000, but was purchased by Mr. Campbell for \$525,000. The furniture, which was owned by Bresita, Darling & Co., was valued at \$200,000, and is a total THE DISASTER AS DESCRIBED BY ONE WHO ES-

CAPED-THE ROTUNDA FILLED WITH SMOKE-SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF THE PLANCE DIN NING UP THE CUPOLA-"ALL MIGHT HAVE BEEN SAVED BUT FOR CULPABLE NEGLI-GENCE." [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

Curcago, lit., April 11, 1877. George Strout, Director of the Chicago and Alton Railroad, arrived here to-night from St. Louis. He

gave the following account of his experiences to the HERALD correspondent, who met him at the Tremont House :- He stopped at the Southern Hotel last night occupied room 130, on the third two o'clock by the cry of "Fire!" and was uncertain whether the cry was in the hall or on the street. He arose however, dressed, and took his value, which he always kept packed, and started to go to the office. He saw a few persons on the parlor flooron, intending to go down to the office. When h reached the head of the broad stairway leading down to the rotunda the smoke was so dense that he gave up the attempt and went back. By this time ther was a large crowd of guests assembled in the parlors, and some of the hotel officials were saying. still, there is no danger." No one appeared to be doing anything. Many men and women were huddling together, half dressed, seemingly paralyzed with dread, more asleep than awake. He passed on quietly, there being no rush and no one evidently dreaming the catastrophe which followed in five minutes. He wen to the west end of the hall and escaped by a stairway leading down to the Fifth street door, on the west sid of the house. At this time there was no sign of fire anywhere except the smoke in the office, which he thought was so dense it would have smothered him had he attempted to penetrate it. No one was using

A THRILLING MCEYS.

He crossed Fifth street and stood looking at the louse about five minutes, when at once the flames shot up the great dome in the centre of the building. The smoke poured out like a great black column from a voicano, and the upper part of the edifice was wrapped in flames. The transformation was so sudden he was thunderstruck as an idea of the possible calamity flashed across his mind. Only one engine had arrived and stood at the corner of Fifth Wainut streets. The inmates of the upper part of the house now seemed to aroused for the first time, when it too late. They must have been smothered by the quickly. A woman's pale face appeared at a fourth atory window, appealing for help, and he started for the Landell street and at the sight. He thought that there was a culpable negligence in giving the alarm. All might have been saved, but the employes ondeavored to keen the crowd on the lower floors, still, and prevented the warning being given to those in the upper shree

The Fire Department seemed dazed and Ignorant of what to do in the emergency, and nothing was done

When the sad details of the fire came over the wires to this city in the forenoon of yesterday, direct from St Louis, considerable excitement and interest were manifested. Crowds gathered around the newspaper builetins and read the reports, while those who had friends staying at the ill-fated botel hastened to the telegraph offices in order to communicate immediately with the scene of the disaster. Fears were entertained by several that some near and dear relative, travelling through the West at this time, might have reached the Southern Hotel on the fatal night. The anxiety and suffering of these people were

The flery experience of Miss Kate Claxton was food among her artist friends the lady's bravery and calm ness under such trying scenes proved subjects for general commendation. At an early hour of the morning it was reported that she had jumped from the fourth story of the hotel and had received tatal injuries. A feeling of great sorrow followed whenever this an nouncement was made. But later on came the intelligence of her safety, and sorrow was turned into congratulation. The singular chapter of incidents which to:lowed Miss Claxton during the last few months also elicited considerable remark. It will be recollected that at the Brooklyn Theatre she was engaged in the last act of "The Two Orphans" when that memorable fre took place. Her admirable presence of mind then doubtless saved her from a terribie death. The same qualities came again to her assistance when the flames rushed through the corridors of the Southern Hotel.

Universal sympathy was expressed by all classes the city for the sufferers. The recollection of the Brooklyn Theatre disaster and the panic at St. Francis Xavier's Church has aroused the keenest sympa in the public heart on the occurrence of fatal ovente such as were witnessed in St. Louis on Tuesday night.

FIRE AT SEDALIA

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

St. Levis, April 11, 1877.
The Union Depot at Sedalia, Mo., caught fire from the kitchen attached to the eating bouse at two o'clock this morning, and burned up in a very short time The first cook jumped from a window and escaped. The second cook, Antoine Beem, ras down stairs and perished in the flames. The texet office, with its on-tire contents, was consumed. The baggage was saved.

SUPPOSED FIRE AT SEA

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.] LONG BRANCH, N. J., April 11, 1877. At a quarter past seven o'clock to-night a bright light was discovered, apparently from a burning vessel. The light was in a northeasterly direction from this port and about six miles off shore. It could be distinguished for about half an hour.

A FRIENDLY STAR

Anthony Dugan, proprietor of a liquor saloon at No. 446 Fulton street, Brooklyn, informed the police yea-day morning that he had been stabbed in the breast by a triend. His statement was found to be true. As he refuses to give the name of his triend (?), no arrest has been made. His wound is not serious.

The man looked down at the pavement, as if healtating Stovens, when he immediately expired.

This, however, was only a comparatively small portion of the work. Shricks and cries for help were heard from the upper stories, and whenever the smoke cleared away and the blaze threw a lurid glare around the eastern wall there were displayed from the upper stories white sheets as so many flags of distress.

The fremen rushed in one direction and another, the

"There he is, there is Jerry," and before any

MORE PUTILE EFFORTS.

BEGINNING THE DESCENT. of the spectators, and it took but a moment for them to do so, and just as the smoke cleared away, a white There was now a slide of ten or fifteen feet and again the slide was short and jerkey; now the loot rested a building they realized the situation and sent up a

A THRILLING SPECTACLE. story, and the first one taken out was a young lady dressed in white. The solitary fireman away up at the head of the ladder could be seen taking the young lady as she swung by means of a rope from the win dow and guiding her carefully to the ladder. The smoke cloud again blew across the topmost stories and the scene was again shut out from below. As on the brave fireman could be seen slowly movin down along the ladder, rung after rung, bearing upor his back the young lady he had so gallantly rescued. She was clinging to him with her arms about his neck, and was evidently so intent on escape that when several of the fireman's comrades came to his

kept until their fright had passed away. A LAST VAREWELL

of the structure cool, as six women were seen at the appeared most imminent. In the fifth story window, southern window of the top story on the west side. sound sleep by the cry of fire, he rushed to the window upon a background of lurid flame, might be seen the Three streams were kept constantly playing in that

crowded with men and women, and there was the seven the debris was a heap of smouldering, smoking wildest confusion. She was attempting to save some soon as she had gotten togother a few of her jewels When she went into the hallway she met Mr. Darling, who told her not to be airaid, as the fire had only broken out in the storehouse and would soon b quenched. She escaped with only a small amount of her jewelry, ber busband's overcoat and the dress she had on. She met Mrs. Simpson coming through the hallway, and furnished her with the dress and slippers

M. Porch.

in which she escaped. Miss Bissell said the room occupied by herself and her mother was on the last story but one. She heard the early alarm but supposed it was a noise made by some tipsy person. Herself and mother got into the hallway, which they found filled with smoke, and had to grope their way along the walls to the staircase and in the same manner down stairs.

STATEMENTS BY THE SAVED. Those inside at the time say the flames swept through the whole rotunds in a very few moments, and many who attempted to gain egress by means of the stairways had to have recourse to the portion or go back to their rooms and await the first aid extended

Joseph Pulitzer, a guest, says at haif-past one he was awakened by loud cries of "Fire!" on the street below. Hearing no alarm from the hotel office, he says he remained perfectly quiet until he heard the shricks of women on the floor below. He went out without dressing and found the staircase and corridor thoroughly filled with smoke. He never returned to his rooms and was

Fifth street. Mr. Pulitzer thinks that the alarm bell never was ounded inside the hotel, and the people on the street told him that the fire was observed from the street nearly twenty minutes before the fire niarm was given.

NOT SEPARATED BY DEATH.

nearly choked to death when he reached the exit on

One of the most melancholy events of the great fire ranspired about seven o'clock this morning. Your renders will remember the particulars published in all the daily papers of the aristocratic wedding, the daughter of Dr. Henry C. Lynch, which took place three months ago. The happy couple travelled until to the city and were occupying rooms at the Southern when the alarm of fire was given. In the din and confusion of the fire Mr. Munster and his wile became separated, the husband escaping, leaving his wife in the burning his wife had perished in the flames, and the poor fellow at once lost his reason. He procured a pistol and went up into Mr. Conroy's sleeping room, which is on the northeast corner of Fourth and Onve streets and placing the muzzle of the pistol against his right temple fired a shot which sent him into eternity with-

MR. HAYDEN'S HORRIBLE DEATH. Mr. Sidmore Hayden, superintendent of the American Express, met a horrible death. He occupied a room on the fifth floor, immediately over the second